REMARKS

Claims 144-151 are added by way of this amendment. Therefore, claims 80, 82, 84, 85, 87-90, 94-99, 102, 103, 105, 106, 108-114, 116, 117, 122-131, 133-136, 139-151 are currently pending in the subject application.

Claims 144-151 correspond to the subject matter of previously cancelled claims 91, 92, 118, 119, 120, 121, 137, and 138 respectively.

Applicant's attorney wishes to thank the Examiner for the telephone call of April 2, 2002, during which the Examiner and Applicant's attorney discussed the subject matter of newly added claims 144-151. Per that discussion, Applicant believes that claims 144-151 overcome the issues raised in the Advisory Action mailed July 26, 2001 regarding claims 91, 92, 118-121, 137, and 138.

Accordingly, Applicant believes all pending claims are in condition for allowance and requests formal notice of such.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (408) 736-0224.

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